

Application No. Applicant(s) 10/606,560 HOLTEY ET AL Notice of Allowability Examiner **Art Unit** Duc T. Duong 2616 -- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308. 1. This communication is responsive to 7/5/07. 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-8 and 16-29; now renumbered 1-21,respectively. 3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f). a) 🔲 All b) Some* c) None of the: 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received. 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____. 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). * Certified copies not received: _____. Applicant has THREE MONTHS FROM THE "MAILING DATE" of this communication to file a reply complying with the requirements noted below. Failure to timely comply will result in ABANDONMENT of this application. THIS THREE-MONTH PERIOD IS NOT EXTENDABLE. 4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient. 5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted. (a) 🔲 including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached 1) \square hereto or 2) \square to Paper No./Mail Date _____. (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d). 6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL. Attachment(s) 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application 2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413). Paper No./Mail Date _ 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08), 7. X Examiner's Amendment/Comment Paper No./Mail Date 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material 9. ☐ Other

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DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Lindsay McGuinness on September 13, 2007.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

Claims 3, 9, 11-13, and 15 are cancelled.

In claim 1, line 12, after the word "vectors" inserted --, wherein the step of selecting further operates in response to whether an assigned data source is ready--.

In claim 4, line 1, the number "3" should be removed and inserted with --1--.

In claim 8, line 1, the number "3" should be removed and inserted with --1--.

In claim 16, line 9, after the word "selects" inserted --, in response to whether a queue is ready,--.

In claim 23, line 13, after the word "selects" inserted --, in response to whether a queue is ready,--.

The examiner's amendment above was made to place the application in condition of allowance.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 1, 2, 4-8 and 16-29 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The prior art of record fails to teach or make obvious the steps or means for "the step of selecting further operates in response to whether an assigned data source is ready", when such value is considered within the specific structure of the method recited in claim 1 or the device recited in claims 16 and 23.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Duc T. Duong whose telephone number is 571-272-3122. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F (9:00 AM-6:00 PM).

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wing Chan can be reached on 571-272-7493. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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